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NAFA Annual Meeting in Minnesota

Continuing our recent practice of trying to hold NAFA board meetings in different areas where *Flyball*TM competition is active, the next annual meeting will be held in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota in conjunction with the Flying Red Rangers *Flyball* Tournament which is being held there on November 11 & 12. Three positions on the Board are open for election. A slate of five candidates has been mailed to all team delegates. The candidates represent a good geographic cross

section of areas where *Flyball* competition is active. The candidates are: Val Culpin, Steve McAvoy, Sue Rogers, Alan Weiner, and Dennis Wieske. Each candidate submitted a resume which was included with the ballot to assist teams in making their decisions. Ballots will be counted and the results announced at the Annual Meeting.

Other agenda items will include reports from Chairman, Bob

Murray and Executive Director, Clyde Moore. Melanie Davidson will be presenting a Financial Report. There will be an opportunity for competitors to bring motions to the board for discussion. The board members will be available to answer questions from the floor. In addition, it is likely that most of the board members will be around during the tournament and may be approached for informal discussions on matters affecting *Flyball* competition.

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From The Starting Line

by Dennis Wieske

It has been almost two years since the electronic starting, timing and passing lights have been available to tournament directors all around North America. In that time, the level of competition has become such that all competitors have an equal chance of winning their division. In my opinion, the lights have made way for some very exciting *Flyball* competition. It has also made it easier for a tournament director to find someone willing to be a line judge (now that they don't have to call the passes). Still, the line judges'

responsibilities are formidable. Tournaments now average over seven races an hour. That is a lot of activity on the lines. I applaud everyone who is willing and able to meet the challenge of being a line judge. However, there seems to be a trend towards the line judges not being up to meeting these responsibilities.

It may look easy but it is not. A good line judge knows the rules and has an understanding of how a tournament is run. This means that a tournament director must carefully choose those people

who will be sitting on the line. After all, sitting on the line for the whole weekend, watching dogs run back and forth, is not an easy task. The individual chosen should be someone you would want to sit on the line when you were trying to win your division. We, as competitors, must also be willing to put as much dedication and commitment into judging, as we put into our racing. We must all work on this problem together, in order to insure that all our tournaments run at high standards.

Executive Director's Corner

by Clyde Moore

As I read through the list of Approved Head Judges the other day, I noticed many names who I don't believe have judged a tournament in the last three to four years, if ever. Many have not judged under the Electronic Judging System that we are now using at nearly all sanctioned tournaments. At this time I would like to ask all of the judges that I have just described to either solicit an assignment where they can judge a division at a tournament under another judge or consider having their name removed from the list of Approved Head Judges. Because of the need for judges, I hope many of you will volunteer to judge a division in the near future. If you don't feel that you will want to judge in the future, please notify Clyde Moore or Dave Samuels. The following is the list of Head Judges, approved and provisional.

NAFA Approved Judges:

Sharon Anderson
Kathy Duguid
Joe Goetz
Mark Jacobson
Ted Leslie
Lonnie Olson
Darrel West
Steve Bigger
Ken Eldridge
Glen Hamilton
Neal Jennings
Cindy Lottinville
James Pius
Dennis Wieske
Ginny Conway
Ron English
Theresa Hesse
Sharon Kihara
Scott Luken
Mike Randall
Val Culpin
Barry Freeman

Pam Jacobson
Jack Kujawski
Clyde Moore
Dave Samuels
Aaron Hughes
Kevin Hughes

NAFA Provisional Judges:

Susan Borup
Jeff Fint
Steve McAvoy
Bob Murray
Steve Brown
Judy Hagan
Kevin McNicholas
Annette Tindall
Doug Chalmers
Ule James
Donn Moore
Penny Winegartner
Tammy Etscheidt
Ken Leason
Todd Morningstar.

UPCOMING SANCTIONED NAFA TOURNAMENTS

+ = Limited Entry Tournament. "+**" = Different Classes &/or Divisions each day. "NL" = No Lights requested.

Tour. Date	Closes	Notes	Location	Contact	Phone
Nov. 4	Oct. 10		Peoria, IL	Janet Nelson	309-688-4915
Nov. 4, 5	Oct. 27		Las Vegas, NV	Lynn Gramule	702-645-9492
Nov. 11, 12	Oct. 14	+	Brooklyn Park, MN	Jan Frey	612-427-9264
Nov. 18, 19	Oct. 24	* Reg. only	Corpus Christi, TX	Lance Monroe	713-480-1573
Dec. 2, 3	Nov. 2		Harper Woods, MI	Kathy Duguid	313-371-4617
Dec. 2	Nov. 17	Reg. only	Houston, TX	Cindy Hyde	713-956-2223
Jan. 6	Dec. 11	Reg. only	Houston, TX	Judy Truelove	713-688-4234
Jan. 27	Jan. 6	Reg. only	Houston, TX	Ethelene Bucy	713-468-0842
Apr. 13, 14	Mar. 1		Port Huron, MI	Sue Rogers	810-268-3831
May 18, 19	Apr. 20	+	Peoria, IL	Steve McAvoy	309-688-4915

Flyball Titles

(see Rule Book Sections 7.1 and 7.2)

Under 24 seconds: 25 points; under 28 seconds: 5 points; under 32 seconds: 1 point.

Flyball Dog (FD):	20 points
Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX)	100 points
Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh)	500 points
Flyball Dog Master (FM)	5,000 points
Flyball Dog Master Excellent (FMX)	10,000 points
Flyball Dog Master Champion (FMCh)	15,000 points
"Onyx" Plaque	20,000 points
Flyball Dog Grand Champion (FDGCh)	30,000 points

(PLEASE NOTE: This table is correct. There were errors in the table in the previous issue.)

Words from the Chairman

by Bob Murray

As neither Dave Samuels or Kevin Hughes are running for re-election to the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank both of them for all their hard work. I'm sure both will continue to promote *Flyball* activities in the future.

It was a real pleasure to meet a lot of *Flyball* people in Houston, now I'm looking forward to meeting the *Flyball* people in Minnesota on November 10, 11 & 12. The board has had a busy year with many accomplishments and problems solved. Best of the season to everybody.

Note to all Regional Directors

by Clyde Moore

At the Board meeting held on July 14, 1995 in Houston, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following: Heats that are meaningless to the outcome of a sanctioned tournament are not to be run just for the sake of allowing teams to accumulate more points towards *Flyball* Titles.

This means that in the case of a best 3 out of 5 format, you will not be allowed to run any more heats after one team has won three heats. The same principle holds for 2 out of 3 formats, so to guarantee more heats per race you might want to go to a 3 out of 5. If tournament directors want to run 5 heats in a race they would have to use a scoring system where each heat counts.

The Final Word

by Steve McAvoy

Rule 6:16(d) Box Malfunction

The proper procedure to follow when a box malfunctions during a heat is as follows:

1. The box loader should indicate to the box judge that there is a malfunction.
(It is recommended that the box loader step in front of the box and stop the heat.)
2. The box judge notifies the head judge that there is a possible malfunction.
3. The heat is stopped so that the box may be inspected.
(Some judges may allow the other team to go ahead and finish their heat before inspecting the box.)
4. After inspecting the box, if the head judge believes the box malfunctioned, the heat will be rerun. If he finds the box to be working properly, the heat will be forfeited to the opposing team.
(For this reason teams should instruct their box loaders and other personnel not to attempt to repair or in any way tamper with the box until it has been inspected by the head judge.)

If you have any questions concerning this or other rules and your rule book does not completely answer your question, contact me and I will be glad to help you understand the rules.

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